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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 1.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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– Figure 13 depicts optical enhancement potential; –

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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– Figure 14 depicts the preferred instrumentation embodiment of the instant invention; –